



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent from Last Year

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Poultry certified wholesome during March 2017 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.17 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in March 2016. The February 2017 revised certified total at 3.66 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from February 2016. The February revision represented an increase of 948 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during March 2017 was 5.50 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.41 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.76 billion pounds, up 2 percent from March 2016. Mature chickens, at 70.4 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 662 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.3 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2017 averaged 6.17 pounds per bird, up slightly from March 2016. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.85 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2017 averaged 31.5 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2016.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2017 totaled 13.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.2 million pounds, were 0.98 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.06 percent a year earlier.

Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	March 2017 as % of		January to March		2017 as percent of 2016
				March 2016	February 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	760,432	679,696	771,447	101	113	2,159,674	2,200,445	102
Mature	13,059	10,537	12,027	92	114	35,801	33,644	94
Light	6,036	4,910	5,719	95	116	16,580	15,622	94
Heavy	7,023	5,627	6,308	90	112	19,221	18,022	94
Total	773,491	690,233	783,474	101	114	2,195,475	2,234,089	102
Turkeys								
Young	19,962	17,973	20,862	105	116	56,635	58,268	103
Old	168	145	162	96	112	490	445	91
Total	20,130	18,118	21,024	104	116	57,125	58,713	103
Ducks	2,483	2,123	2,342	94	110	7,050	6,957	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,683,241	4,185,820	4,756,141	102	114	13,334,774	13,586,187	102
Mature	77,068	61,976	70,406	91	114	210,591	198,303	94
Light	19,965	16,280	19,156	96	118	54,586	52,159	96
Heavy	57,103	45,696	51,250	90	112	156,005	146,144	94
Total	4,760,309	4,247,796	4,826,547	101	114	13,545,365	13,784,490	102
Turkeys								
Young	624,300	567,679	656,807	105	116	1,776,867	1,843,281	104
Old	4,595	4,197	4,782	104	114	13,678	13,052	95
Total	628,895	571,876	661,589	105	116	1,790,545	1,856,333	104
Ducks	16,935	14,620	16,311	96	112	48,265	48,121	100
Other ¹	186	158	171	92	108	549	496	90
Total	5,406,325	4,834,450	5,504,618	102	114	15,384,724	15,689,440	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.16	6.16	6.17	100	100	6.17	6.17	100
Mature	5.90	5.88	5.85	99	99	5.88	5.89	100
Light	3.31	3.32	3.35	101	101	3.29	3.34	102
Heavy	8.13	8.12	8.12	100	100	8.12	8.11	100
Total	6.15	6.15	6.16	100	100	6.17	6.17	100
Turkeys								
Young	31.27	31.59	31.48	101	100	31.37	31.63	101
Old	27.35	28.94	29.52	108	102	27.91	29.33	105
Total	31.24	31.56	31.47	101	100	31.34	31.62	101
Ducks	6.82	6.89	6.96	102	101	6.85	6.92	101

¹ Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	March 2017 as % of		January to March		2017 as percent of 2016
				March 2016	February 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,256,332	2,909,451	3,311,219	102	114	9,281,402	9,453,083	102
Mature	49,561	40,156	45,161	91	112	134,705	128,078	95
Light	10,458	8,392	9,929	95	118	28,739	27,039	94
Heavy	39,103	31,764	35,232	90	111	105,966	101,039	95
Total	3,305,893	2,949,607	3,356,380	102	114	9,416,107	9,581,161	102
Turkeys								
Young	289,455	261,806	298,137	103	114	835,719	845,966	101
Old	3,219	3,062	3,576	111	117	8,954	9,648	108
Total	292,674	264,868	301,713	103	114	844,673	855,614	101
Ducks	4,478	4,023	4,425	99	110	13,061	13,532	104
Other ¹	122	100	109	89	109	354	318	90
Total	3,603,167	3,218,598	3,662,627	102	114	10,274,195	10,450,625	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	269,565	244,424	270,257	100	111	757,934	779,183	103
Mature	2	-	-	(X)	(X)	9	-	(X)
Light	2	-	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	7	-	(X)
Total	269,567	244,424	270,257	100	111	757,943	779,183	103
Turkeys								
Young	210,952	193,159	228,493	108	118	588,863	631,392	107
Old	240	70	71	30	101	1,354	214	16
Total	211,192	193,229	228,564	108	118	590,217	631,606	107
Ducks	7,856	6,616	7,477	95	113	22,058	21,572	98
Other ¹	8	6	9	113	150	20	21	105
Total	488,623	444,275	506,307	104	114	1,370,238	1,432,382	105
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,525,897	3,153,875	3,581,476	102	114	10,039,336	10,232,266	102
Mature	49,563	40,156	45,161	91	112	134,714	128,078	95
Light	10,460	8,392	9,929	95	118	28,741	27,039	94
Heavy	39,103	31,764	35,232	90	111	105,973	101,039	95
Total	3,575,460	3,194,031	3,626,637	101	114	10,174,050	10,360,344	102
Turkeys								
Young	500,407	454,965	526,630	105	116	1,424,582	1,477,358	104
Old	3,459	3,132	3,647	105	116	10,308	9,862	96
Total	503,866	458,097	530,277	105	116	1,434,890	1,487,220	104
Ducks	12,334	10,639	11,902	96	112	35,119	35,104	100
Other ¹	130	106	118	91	111	374	339	91
Total	4,091,790	3,662,873	4,168,934	102	114	11,644,433	11,883,007	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	March 2017 as % of		January to March		2017 as percent of 2016
				March 2016	February 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	10,324	9,744	10,666	103	109	31,555	31,364	99
Mature	899	762	893	99	117	2,534	2,521	99
Light	330	276	327	99	118	883	898	102
Heavy	569	486	566	99	116	1,651	1,623	98
Total	11,223	10,506	11,559	103	110	34,089	33,885	99
Turkeys								
Young	1,558	1,592	1,711	110	107	4,674	5,084	109
Old	46	53	55	120	104	175	169	97
Total	1,604	1,645	1,766	110	107	4,849	5,253	108
Ducks	35	37	37	106	100	118	118	100
Total ¹	12,862	12,188	13,362	104	110	39,056	39,256	101
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.23	0.22	100	96	0.24	0.23	96
Mature	1.17	1.23	1.27	109	103	1.20	1.27	106
Light	1.65	1.70	1.71	104	101	1.62	1.72	106
Heavy	1.00	1.06	1.10	110	104	1.06	1.11	105
Total	0.24	0.25	0.24	100	96	0.25	0.25	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.28	0.26	104	93	0.26	0.28	108
Old	1.00	1.26	1.15	115	91	1.28	1.29	101
Total	0.26	0.29	0.27	104	93	0.27	0.28	104
Ducks	0.21	0.25	0.23	110	92	0.24	0.25	104
Total ¹	0.24	0.25	0.24	100	96	0.25	0.25	100

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	March 2017 as % of		January to March		2017 as percent of 2016
				March 2016	February 2017	2016	2017	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	33,359	27,560	30,779	92	112	95,184	88,300	93
Mature	2,746	2,054	2,347	85	114	8,039	6,650	83
Light	759	652	749	99	115	2,078	2,089	101
Heavy	1,987	1,402	1,598	80	114	5,961	4,561	77
Total	36,105	29,614	33,126	92	112	103,223	94,950	92
Turkeys								
Young	7,308	6,863	7,554	103	110	21,187	21,956	104
Old	140	188	187	134	99	426	550	129
Total	7,448	7,051	7,741	104	110	21,613	22,506	104
Ducks	316	285	325	103	114	891	923	104
Other ¹	1	2	2	200	100	3	6	200
Total	43,870	36,952	41,194	94	111	125,730	118,385	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.94	0.87	0.85	90	98	0.94	0.86	91
Mature	5.25	4.87	4.94	94	101	5.63	4.94	88
Light	6.77	7.21	7.01	104	97	6.74	7.17	106
Heavy	4.84	4.23	4.34	90	103	5.33	4.32	81
Total	1.00	0.92	0.91	91	99	1.00	0.91	91
Turkeys								
Young	1.44	1.49	1.41	98	95	1.47	1.46	99
Old	3.89	5.66	4.88	125	86	3.97	5.28	133
Total	1.46	1.52	1.44	99	95	1.48	1.49	101
Ducks	2.50	2.61	2.66	106	102	2.47	2.56	104
Other ¹	0.76	1.85	1.67	220	90	0.80	1.74	218
Total	1.06	1.00	0.98	92	98	1.07	0.99	93

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: February and March 2017

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,554	5,123	757,110	812,593
Mature	-	-	243	236	151,118	157,210
Light	-	-	168	183	111,391	113,590
Heavy	-	-	75	53	39,727	43,620
Total	-	-	5,797	5,359	908,228	969,803
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	34	36	25,584	25,561
Old	-	-	7	5	1,306	1,658
Total	-	-	41	41	26,890	27,219
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	666,011	735,089	3,286	3,522	13,195	14,099
Mature	24,768	26,450	666	760	32,824	32,553
Light	9,349	11,423	402	460	19,349	17,698
Heavy	15,419	15,027	264	300	13,475	14,855
Total	690,779	761,539	3,952	4,282	46,019	46,652
Turkeys						
Young	3,663	4,142	443	547	48	105
Old	461	551	3	2	320	257
Total	4,124	4,693	446	549	368	362
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	12,374	13,582	46,028	51,938	97,455	104,035
Mature	9,962	10,113	1,313	1,331	82,948	84,315
Light	9,274	9,335	584	672	75,579	76,211
Heavy	688	778	729	659	7,369	8,104
Total	22,336	23,695	47,341	53,269	180,403	188,350
Turkeys						
Young	74	88	604	707	794	700
Old	41	44	85	109	149	178
Total	115	132	689	816	943	878
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	30,992	30,583	793,602	829,414	2,425,607	2,599,978
Mature	710	996	99,313	118,692	403,865	432,656
Light	258	378	49,674	62,207	276,028	292,157
Heavy	452	618	49,639	56,485	127,837	140,499
Total	31,702	31,579	892,915	948,106	2,829,472	3,032,634
Turkeys						
Young	396	336	10,510	12,124	42,150	44,346
Old	32	41	230	276	2,634	3,121
Total	428	377	10,740	12,400	44,784	47,467

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

Young Chickens, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: February and March 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	82,815	93,528	461,762	517,547	5.58	5.53
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	74,472	83,223	486,076	543,814	6.53	6.53
California	19,832	22,666	116,136	133,747	5.86	5.90
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	30,336	34,785	216,222	249,737	7.13	7.18
Florida	4,714	5,398	26,378	30,142	5.60	5.58
Georgia	95,281	109,092	561,019	642,954	5.89	5.89
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,227	5,850	23,062	26,160	4.41	4.47
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	21,647	24,841	135,393	156,902	6.25	6.32
Louisiana	14,746	16,425	91,903	102,431	6.23	6.24
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	9,215	10,877	52,590	63,044	5.71	5.80
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,258	4,552	24,799	26,530	5.82	5.83
Mississippi	57,176	63,173	370,836	406,687	6.49	6.44
Missouri	33,543	37,846	163,285	185,597	4.87	4.90
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	100	127	494	651	4.97	5.12
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,951	2,290	9,748	11,455	5.00	5.00
North Carolina	57,543	67,429	452,965	530,168	7.87	7.86
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	7,436	8,264	39,986	43,624	5.38	5.28
Oklahoma	11,716	13,114	78,110	87,025	6.67	6.64
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,080	9,829	50,749	55,048	5.59	5.60
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	21,591	24,527	159,792	181,971	7.40	7.42
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	22,655	26,570	120,579	141,368	5.32	5.32
Texas	50,400	56,838	310,406	351,134	6.16	6.18
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,510	29,152	146,100	167,839	5.73	5.76
Washington	3,428	4,297	21,368	27,135	6.23	6.31
West Virginia	8,364	9,191	32,620	35,310	3.90	3.84
Wisconsin	3,831	4,273	16,212	17,883	4.23	4.18
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	679,696	771,447	4,185,820	4,756,141	6.16	6.17

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	350,701	394,236	2,746	2,991	0.78	0.75
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	365,731	407,909	3,019	3,244	0.82	0.79
California	86,458	99,344	1,240	1,406	1.41	1.40
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	158,227	182,072	1,516	1,681	0.95	0.91
Florida	19,784	22,608	126	136	0.63	0.60
Georgia	422,537	483,438	3,549	4,028	0.83	0.83
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,841	19,062	125	129	0.74	0.67
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	102,597	119,145	1,403	1,556	1.35	1.29
Louisiana	69,489	77,732	539	574	0.77	0.73
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	38,725	46,507	619	842	1.57	1.78
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,851	22,473	212	215	1.01	0.95
Mississippi	287,126	313,560	1,910	2,094	0.66	0.66
Missouri	120,487	136,799	1,158	1,260	0.95	0.91
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	360	463	6	7	1.74	1.48
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,001	7,035	233	259	3.74	3.56
North Carolina	353,187	413,787	2,793	3,062	0.78	0.73
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	29,716	32,367	448	470	1.48	1.43
Oklahoma	58,731	65,432	336	377	0.57	0.57
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	34,478	37,568	881	1,092	2.49	2.83
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	120,313	137,144	669	757	0.55	0.55
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	88,458	103,824	495	558	0.56	0.53
Texas	235,774	266,708	2,087	2,415	0.88	0.90
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	103,842	119,237	693	791	0.66	0.66
Washington	15,933	20,241	91	122	0.57	0.60
West Virginia	23,360	25,290	108	103	0.46	0.40
Wisconsin	11,840	13,063	101	112	0.85	0.85
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,153,875	3,581,476	27,560	30,779	0.87	0.85

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: February and March 2017

[Published States do not add to United States total to avoid disclosure]

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	501	539	72,112	75,535
Arkansas	-	-	115	138	58,777	59,775
Delaware	-	-	1,307	1,572	53,367	54,728
Georgia	-	-	105	73	67,111	69,555
Mississippi	-	-	122	156	19,772	21,703
Missouri	-	-	32	30	43,819	46,122
North Carolina	-	-	126	168	88,067	92,352
Texas	-	-	133	121	61,563	68,742
Virginia	-	-	29	42	14,451	16,700
United States	-	-	5,554	5,123	757,110	812,593

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	45,342	51,467	356	367	1,670	1,981
Arkansas	31,390	35,680	233	234	784	764
Delaware	64,459	73,449	43	71	752	849
Georgia	167,374	174,824	481	428	1,524	1,641
Mississippi	9,409	11,760	109	99	781	876
Missouri	7,586	8,352	24	28	356	408
North Carolina	45,303	54,144	261	321	1,519	1,515
Texas	24,838	24,766	277	476	728	656
Virginia	24,249	27,587	4	5	407	372
United States	666,011	735,089	3,286	3,522	13,195	14,099

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	915	968	5,273	5,383	14,359	17,267
Arkansas	319	286	2,736	2,643	4,406	5,231
Delaware	1,150	1,160	1,543	2,132	3,999	4,123
Georgia	614	791	13,097	15,430	23,280	19,132
Mississippi	613	592	1,722	1,954	1,504	1,533
Missouri	143	146	402	477	2,004	2,190
North Carolina	774	780	7,845	8,483	4,324	4,443
Texas	478	524	740	446	4,361	5,092
Virginia	620	622	607	661	1,957	2,005
United States	12,374	13,582	46,028	51,938	97,455	104,035

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	882	770	52,140	50,337	193,550	204,614
Arkansas	3,445	2,620	147,667	145,100	249,872	252,471
Delaware	4,238	3,639	6,214	7,586	137,072	149,309
Georgia	3,806	4,562	92,021	93,162	369,413	379,598
Mississippi	244	145	16,911	16,788	51,187	55,606
Missouri	183	112	24,536	24,606	79,085	82,471
North Carolina	2,287	2,688	63,248	68,253	213,754	233,147
Texas	584	1,041	17,189	19,369	110,891	121,233
Virginia	1,074	1,382	11,050	9,841	54,448	59,217
United States	30,992	30,583	793,602	829,414	2,425,607	2,599,978

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

Young Turkeys, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: February and March 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,903	3,207	56,496	63,760	19.46	19.88
California	751	808	22,241	24,400	29.60	30.18
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,726	1,975	69,045	78,572	40.00	39.78
Iowa	1,113	1,308	47,867	55,119	43.00	42.14
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	2,873	3,540	78,093	94,727	27.18	26.76
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	890	999	30,158	35,024	33.90	35.04
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,743	2,055	66,057	75,260	37.91	36.62
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	456	560	21,177	25,891	46.41	46.25
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	697	814	20,927	24,219	30.03	29.74
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	455	530	6,388	8,015	14.05	15.14
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,070	2,363	57,854	65,378	27.95	27.67
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,973	20,862	567,679	656,807	31.59	31.48

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 2017

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	47,365	53,552	359	379	0.75	0.70
California	17,853	19,636	206	232	1.14	1.17
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	56,033	63,743	782	851	1.38	1.32
Iowa	37,662	43,400	581	595	1.52	1.35
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	62,147	75,493	1,161	1,318	1.83	1.72
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,398	28,335	193	225	0.79	0.79
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	52,015	59,176	556	551	1.06	0.92
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,934	20,687	305	376	1.77	1.79
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	16,474	19,202	508	450	2.99	2.29
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,441	6,866	32	41	0.59	0.60
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	46,933	53,030	609	700	1.28	1.30
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	454,965	526,630	6,863	7,554	1.49	1.41

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Ante-Mortem Condemnations: Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

Average Live Weight: The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Certified Ready-to-Cook: The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

Dressing Percent: Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

Ducks: Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

Federally Inspected (FI) Plants: Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

Mature Chickens: Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

Old Turkeys: Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

Post-Mortem Condemnations: Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

Total Live Weight: The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens: Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

Young Turkeys: Young birds grown to a matured market age, and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 310 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2015. Young chickens were slaughtered in 37 States, young turkeys in 30 States.

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Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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